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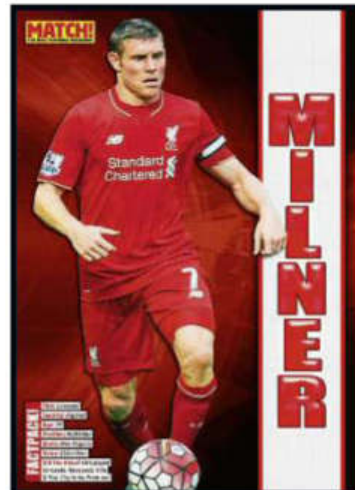


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BARÇA!

THE TEAM TO BEAT!

Barcelona were unreal on their way to winning the Champions League last season! Their attack of Messi, Neymar and Suarez is possibly the best ever, and that's why they're faves for this year's trophy too. But no team has ever won the CL two seasons in a row - could Luis Enrique's side be the first?



CAN THEY BE STOPPED?

X Barça have the best front three in the world - when they're in form, no defence can handle them!

✓ There are tons of other good teams in the tournament. PSG, Real Madrid, Bayern and Juventus are all good enough to win the trophy!

X Barcelona beat all those teams to win the Champo League and La Liga in 2015 - why can't they do it again?

✓ Their transfer ban means their new boys can't play until January - if they get injuries, they'll be in trouble!

X Even if they do lose players, they should still make the knockout stages. With Turan and Vidal joining the squad then, they'll be even stronger!

ROAD TO 2015 CL GLORY

Games played	13
Games won	11
Goals scored	31 (2.38 per game)
Goals conceded	11 (0.85 per game)





DID YOU KNOW?

Barça have won the Champions League trophy four times since the format changed in 1992 - no team has won it more during that time!

2014-15 CL GOALS!



**TURN OVER NOW
TO HEAR FROM THE
PREM'S CHAMPIONS
LEAGUE CHALLENGERS!**

THE PREM CHAMPS!



CHELSEA
JOHN TERRY

How much do you want to win the Champions League this year?

JT SAYS: "I'm hungrier than ever! That doesn't change from year to year. And after the way we went out last year, we want to go as far as possible this time!"

Was losing to PSG in the Champions League last year a big shock?

JT SAYS: "It was. We're used to being the team that carries English interest into the last stages of the tournament, so it was different for us. We're normally in the hat for the next round and that time we weren't, so we need to go again this year."

You've lost one CL final and missed another...

JT SAYS: "Losing in the final in Moscow was tough. At the time, I thought it might be my last chance, so when the opportunity came around again in 2012 and I ended up missing it, that wasn't easy either. But I was just happy that the players and fans got what they deserved and we got our hands on the trophy. Hopefully we can do it again!"

So what's your targets?

JT SAYS: "It's not just about the Champions League, it's about the Premier League, FA Cup, League Cup - everything! I'm determined to carry on winning trophies, and the Champions League is a massive one. We've got a hunger and desire in the squad to do it!"



THE BIG GUNS ARE BACK!



MAN. UNITED WAYNE ROONEY

What does being in the CL mean to United?

WAZZA SAYS: "It's vital, we've missed it a lot. It's something you always want to play in as it's a massive competition. It was a shame we weren't in it last year, and that's why it's so important we made sure we were this year."

You ended your goal drought with a hat-trick against Bruges...

WAZZA SAYS: "I wasn't worried, I knew that when the chances came I would take them. The important thing was winning the match and getting back in the Champions League. As a striker, of course you want to score, but I was more happy that it was a great result."

How much did it hurt watching the games on TV last year?

WAZZA SAYS: "It was horrible! I didn't enjoy sitting at home watching them on TV - it was really weird! I still watched them, though. You have to watch the best teams in Europe because I enjoy football, but it's not the same. A club this size has to be in the Champions League."

Is it exciting to be back?

WAZZA SAYS: "It is! Man. United have to be in the Champions League. It was a big disappointment last year not to challenge, so just watching the draw was great. It's really exciting now, and it's nice to be back in it again!"



THE UNDER ACHIEVERS!



MAN. CITY SERGIO AGUERO

City's record in the CL isn't great - what's this season's target?

SERGIO SAYS: "Our dream this season is clear - to get past the group phase, and after that to think match by match. That's where we start."

Shouldn't you be trying to win it?

SERGIO SAYS: "Of course! But we are not going to shout about what we want to do - we don't feel pressure to do that. Our fans deserve a successful season in Europe and we'll give our all. We haven't done what we want to do in the Champions League, so this time we want more. It's very important to get past the group phase, then we'll see."

Is it one of your goals to win the Champions League with City?

SERGIO SAYS: "Of course, it's a big competition! I want to win, City as a club wants to win it, and we'll do everything we can to do it!"

You made a great start to the season - just how good is this City side?

SERGIO SAYS: "We are improving all the time. We had an excellent pre-season and we have opened the Premier League with great momentum, too. I think you will see a very good season for City. I see this as a team with mental strength and great ambition!"



**NEXT
WEEK
SERGIO ON
CITY'S PREM
TITLE BID!**

THE NEARLY MEN!



ARSENAL SANTI CAZORLA

How much does the CL mean to Arsenal?

SANTI SAYS: "It always means a lot, it is a big ambition for all of us. Being knocked out of the Champions League last year was painful because we played our worst game of the year at home against Monaco. That was the low point of the season - we need to put it right!"

Arsenal struggle in the knockouts. Are you not as good as the big guns?

SANTI SAYS: "I don't think that's true. I don't think we are worse than the Spanish clubs or Bayern Munich. They are very powerful teams and it is very difficult to compete, but we can. We are very strong too and can be at that level."

What do Arsenal have to do to improve?

SANTI SAYS: "For me, Arsenal are always a candidate to win the Premier League - and any competition we enter! The players really believe that, but over the years in the league we have dropped points in stadiums where we needed to win. That's our handicap and that's the thing we need to change."

Did you sign enough players in the summer?

SANTI SAYS: "The signings are down to the manager. My experience in sport is that spending big doesn't guarantee success. We already have fantastic players - it's important now to show that in the Champions League!"



MAGIC M



LEICESTER and **ALGERIA** hero **RIYAD MAHREZ** has taken the Prem by storm this season, and could fire The Foxes to a top-half finish! **MATCH** tells the wicked winger's story!



Mahrez celebrates against Sheffield Wednesday

2013-14

JANUARY

★ Joins Leicester from Ligue 2 club Le Havre for £350,000!

FEBRUARY

★ Becomes a fans' favourite by netting a dramatic equaliser against rivals Nott'm Forest!

APRIL

★ Scores in Leicester's win over Sheffield Wednesday which all but clinches promotion!

STRENGTHS

- ✓ Ace rocket shots!
- ✓ Jaw-dropping tricks!
- ✓ Wicked dribbling!

SMILE!

Aaron Lennon has finally learned how to show off his teeth with this big grin after re-signing for Everton!



WELSH WIZARDS!

Wales are now 9th in the latest FIFA World Rankings - moving above England for the first time ever!



AHREZ!

Riyad bags against Southampton in May



2014-15

JUNE

★ Plays for Algeria at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil!

AUGUST

★ Makes his Premier League debut against Everton!

MAY

★ Bags a quick-fire double against Southampton to boost The Foxes' Prem survival chances. Hero!

2015-16

AUGUST

★ Scores his fourth goal of the season against Tottenham to become the Prem's top scorer!

WHAT NEXT?

FEBRUARY

★ Moves Leicester to the top of the league with a hat-trick against Man. City at The Etihad?

MAY

★ Scores the winner at Wembley as The Foxes lift the FA Cup?



BARCA RUMOURS!

He's in such red-hot form, Barcelona have been linked with a move!

Barcelona line up shock move for Leicester City star Riyad Mahrez



Barcelona considering shock swoop for in-form Leicester City winger Riyad Mahrez

- Riyad Mahrez has scored four goals in four appearances this season
- The Leicester winger has emerged as a surprise target for Barcelona
- However, Mahrez was rewarded with a new Foxes contract last month
- The La Liga champions are keen on replacing Chelsea new boy Pedro
- Manchester City's Jesus Navas and Celta Vigo's Nolito are also wanted

LEICESTER'S BARGAINS!

The Foxes have done some great deals in recent years!



MARC ALBRIGHTON



Aston Villa
Free
2014

ESTEBAN CAMBIASSO



Inter Milan
Free
2014



RIYAD MAHREZ



Le Havre
£350,000
2014

JAMIE VARDY



Fleetwood
£1 million
2012



FLASHBACK!



Check out this ancient pic Neymar posted on Instagram with Brazil team-mate Philippe Coutinho!



MATCH Tube

WATCH THIS AT:
www.facebook.com/matchmagazine

Bale slices the ball into the net from an impossible angle!





EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

ANTHONY MARTIAL!

Club: Man. United
Country: France
Age: 19
Position: Forward
Boots: Nike Mercurial

ANTHONY WHO?

United shocked everyone on deadline day by making Martial the most expensive teenager ever! He's starred at every youth level for France, but only played three full 90-minute Ligue 1 games for Monaco!



HOW MUCH DID HE COST?

The initial fee is around £36 million, but the deal could be worth £58 million! Footy gossips say one of the many add-ons is if he wins the FIFA Ballon d'Or. Wow!

WHAT ARE HIS STRENGTHS?

Martial is absolutely rapid, dribbles past players for fun and is a great finisher! His movement is top class too, and he can play anywhere across the front three!

WHO DOES HE PLAY LIKE?

Martial has been compared to France hero Thierry Henry, and not just because they played for the same youth team! He loves to drift out wide to find space and isn't afraid to take on defenders - just like Thierry!

WILL HE BE A SUCCESS?

The Red Devils have spent loads on Martial, but he might not be their main man just yet. There's no doubt he's got huge potential, and if he lives up to it he'll become one of the best strikers in the world!



YOUR SHOUT!

Will Martial be hit or miss in the Prem? Have your say on MATCH's Facebook page!

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FIFA 16 UPDATE!

TOP 50 PLAYERS!

EA SPORTS have got us pumped for **FIFA 16** by revealing the top 50 players in the new game! **MATCH** checks out the highlights!



MESSI v RONALD

Messi 94 - 93 Ronaldo

Ron won the FIFA Ballon d'Or, but EA have gone with cover star Leo Messi as the game's highest-rated player!



BEST PREM STAR!

Hazard 89

Eden has got even better pace and dribbling this year after bossing the Premier League last season!



BEST BUNDESLIGA STAR!

Neuer 90

The keeper beat Robben to top spot in this one on stats alone - they're both 90 OVR!



BEST LIGUE 1 STAR!

Ibrahimovic 89

Zlatan is still the hottest star in Ligue 1, leading the way with a massive 89 OVR!



BIGGEST OVR RISE!

Naldo 81 > 85

Naldo was a beast in Wolfsburg's epic Bundesliga season and deserves a +4!



BEST SERIE A STAR!

Chiellini 87

The Italy rock has shot up by +3 OVR after Juve's run to the Champo League final!



Check out the full list at: <https://www.easports.com/fifa/news/2015/fifa-16-ratings-top-50>

FIFA 15 ZONE!

We've created a team in FIFA 15 of players that have already been transferred to their new clubs! We can't wait to use these stars on FIFA 16, which is out next week!



ROMERO

United's new shot-stopper might not be Gold in this year's game, but he's still a solid keeper!



YOUR SHOUT!

Tell us who would be in your team of new boys on MATCH's Facebook page now!



DARMIAN

Darmian is one of the best Silver defenders in the game! He's got a mega 80 for Pace!



OTAMENDI

The Argentina rock gets great chemistry off Romero and his stats are class, too!



OGBONNA

A famously cheap beast that you can now use in your Prem squads! He's rapid for a CB!



GOMEZ

His current card doesn't reflect his recent form, but he should get a boost in FIFA 16!



SCHWEINSTEIGER

Schweini's the highest-rated player here! Captain him and boss games with his passing!



CABAYE

Put Cabaye on your set-pieces - the France hero is Palace's record buy for a reason!



SHAQIRI

It's weird seeing Stoke's badge next to his name, but Shaq's 86 Dribbling is off the charts!



FIRMINO

Four-star Samba skinner Firmino is a sick addition to any Premier League squad!



OKAZAKI

Shinji is a heading king! He's got 90 Jumping, so fire crosses in and watch him bust net!



RONDON

91 Strength - what a beast! You need to get West Brom's hitman in your squad now!

BOOT ROOM

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Adidas X15.1

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X info

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- The 'Techfit Collar' keeps your foot securely in the boot for maximum comfort!



Adidas ACE15.1

More of an ACE fan than an X?
Don't worry - Adidas have
made a white version of
the 'control' boot, too!
We absolutely love it!



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Adidas Finale 15

Say hello to the slick
Adidas Champions League
Finale ball for this season's
competition! The design is
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of Milan, where the 2016
Final will take place, while
the snake skin material
on the blue stars rocks
too! You can also get the
Capitano version for £15!

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Zenit Home

The light blue colour looks awesome!

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Can Juve go one step further in this?

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Bayern Munich Third

Only Bayern can get away with pink trim!

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Barcelona Home

MATCH is still getting used to Barça's hoops!

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Arsenal Third

The Gunners will only wear this in cup games!

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Man. City Away

Aguero, Toure and Silva can own Europe in this!

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PSG Home

PSG's home shirt looks ace this season!

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Galatasaray Home

This has got to be one of the coolest kits around!

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Man. United Third

Back in the Champions League and ready to rock!

Price: £54.99



Real Madrid Third

Can Ron and Bale rule Europe in dark blue?

Price: £54.99



Sevilla Away

The collar on Sevilla's away top is well classy!

Price: £54.99



Chelsea Third

This shirt is simple but slick!

Price: £49.99



SNAPPED!

MATCH checks out the craziest footy pics we've seen recently!



I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT SMELLS TERRIBLE!

What's Bale trodden in?



NOBODY CAN HANDLE THESE GUNS!

Arm wrestle champion!

McAuley is unbeatable!



What's going on here?

THIS WARM-UP ROUTINE SUCKS!



Epic footy sandwich!

OUCH! CALL ME A DOCTOR, MATCH!

Pumping face-off!

We reckon Theo wins this battle!

LET'S MAKE IT BEST OF FIVE!

Forgot to brush your teeth?

YEAH, THEY FEEL FURRY!

Has Ron lost £1?

IF I FIND IT, I'M KEEPING IT, MATE!

Ring a Ring o' Roses!

Tekkers, Bastian!

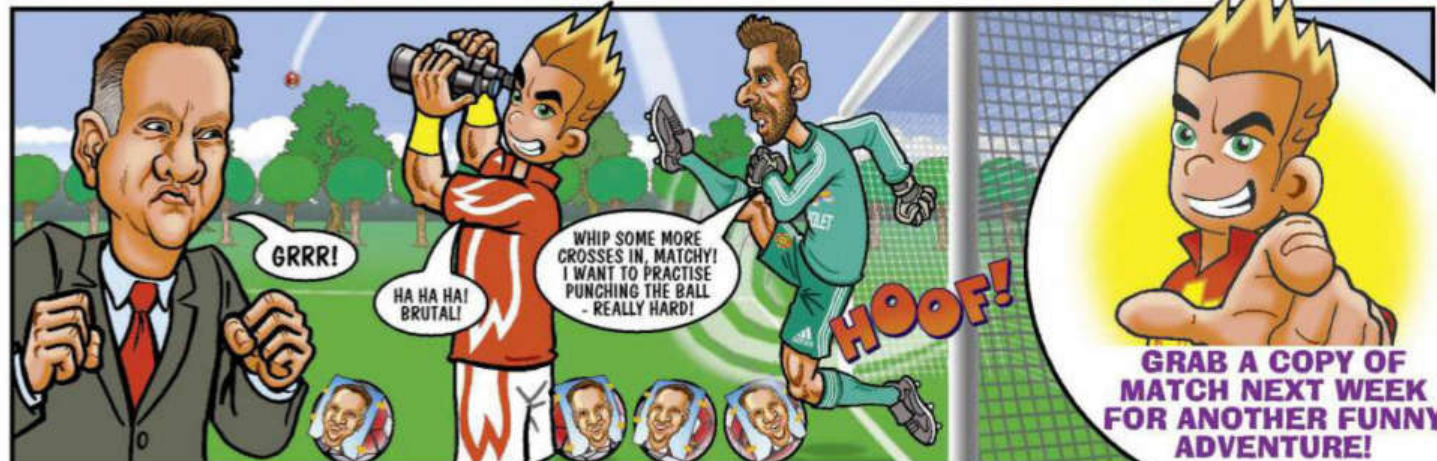
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Schweini's got the skills to pay the bills!

GIVE HIM A RED CARD, REF!

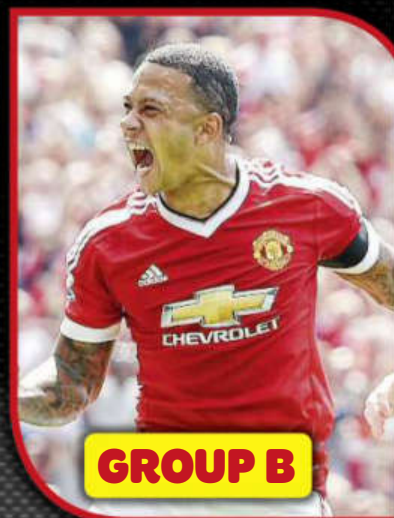
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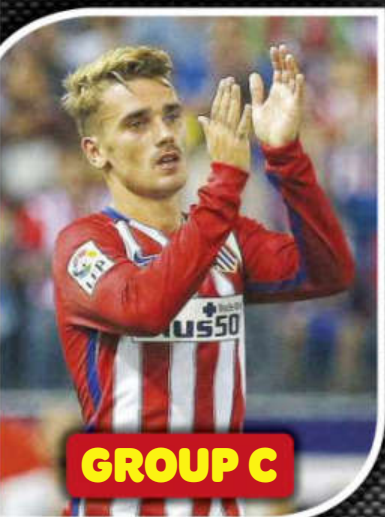




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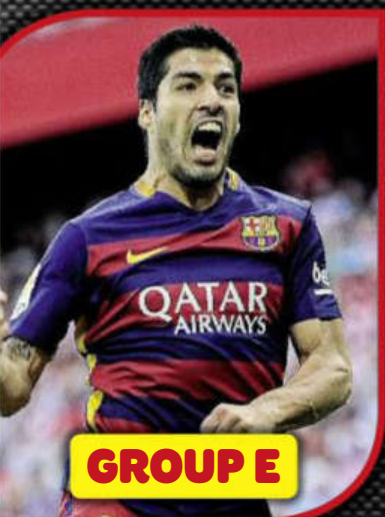
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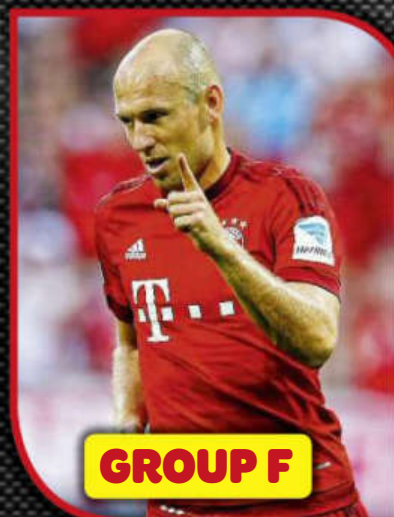
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GROUP E



GROUP F



GROUP G



GROUP H

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2015-16 ULTIMATE GUIDE



REAL MADRID

Country: Spain
Stadium: The Bernabeu
Manager: Rafa Benitez
Last Season in CL: Semi-finals

STAR MAN!



CRISTIANO RONALDO

Forward

What more can we say about the three-times Ballon d'Or winner? No player bagged more in last season's CL, and we reckon he'll be right up there again in the 2015-16 scoring charts!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

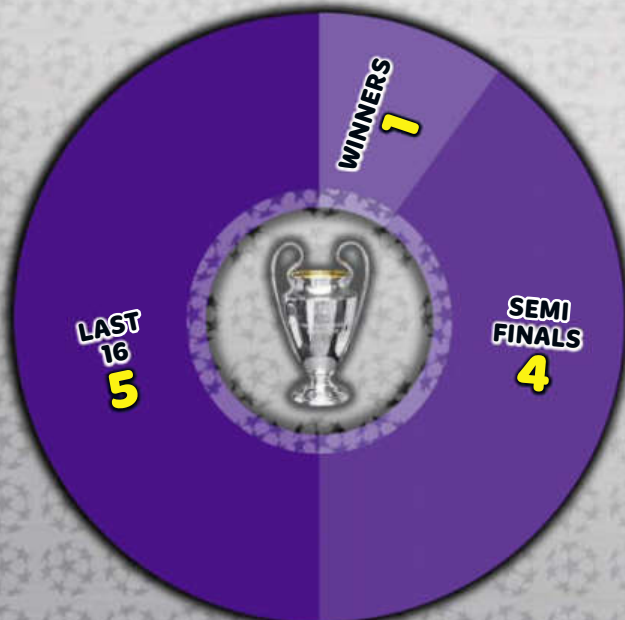


GARETH BALE

Forward

Rafa Benitez is giving Bale the chance to shine in a new No.10 role! Can the Wales legend get back to the red-hot form he showed in his first season in Spain?

LAST 10 SEASONS!



100%



Real have never failed to get out of their Champo League group. Wow!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



MARS

Mars is the king of chocolate bars and Real are the kings of the CL – they've won it a record ten times!

VERDICT!

Real had a poor season by their mega high standards in 2014-15, but you can never write off the ten-times European champions! We reckon they'll breeze through this group before going on an epic run all the way to the final!



PSG

Country: France
Stadium: Parc des Princes

Manager: Laurent Blanc
Last Season in CL: Quarter-finals

STAR MAN!

ANGEL DI MARIA

Att. midfielder

Zlatan and Cavani will score most of PSG's goals, but we think Di Maria will be setting them both up with his creativity!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

MARCO VERRATTI

Midfielder

We weren't surprised Verratti was linked with a mega-money move to the Prem this summer - he's a young, all-round midfield master!



VERDICT!

PSG made it to the quarter-finals in 2014-15, and now with Di Maria in their team, we wouldn't be shocked if they go one round better this year!



SHAKHTAR

Country: Ukraine
Stadium: Donbass Arena

Manager: Mircea Lucescu
Last Season in CL: Last 16

STAR MAN!

BERNARD

Att. midfielder

The Brazil star makes Shakhtar Donetsk tick with his tricky dribbling skills, electric pace and classy passing! Full-backs, watch out!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

MARLOS

Att. midfielder

Shakhtar have nine Brazilians in their team, and attacking midfielder Marlos is one of them! His link-up play with Alex Teixeira is great to watch!



VERDICT!

Shakhtar have lots of tricky stars, but losing Luiz Adriano and Douglas Costa is a big blow. A Europa League spot is the best they can hope for!



MALMO

Country: Sweden
Stadium: Swedbank Stadium

Manager: Age Hareide
Last Season in CL: Group stage

STAR MAN!

MARKUS ROSENBERG

Striker

Don't let Rosenberg's poor Prem goals record for West Brom fool you - this guy knows where the net is! He bagged three times in last season's competition!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

JO INGE BERGET

Forward

Ex-Cardiff forward Berget helped Malmo reach the group stage with two goals against Celtic in the play-offs! He's a real game changer!



VERDICT!

Malmo finished bottom of Group A last season, and we'd be shocked if they don't do that again in 2015-16! They're gonna struggle big-time!

MATCH!
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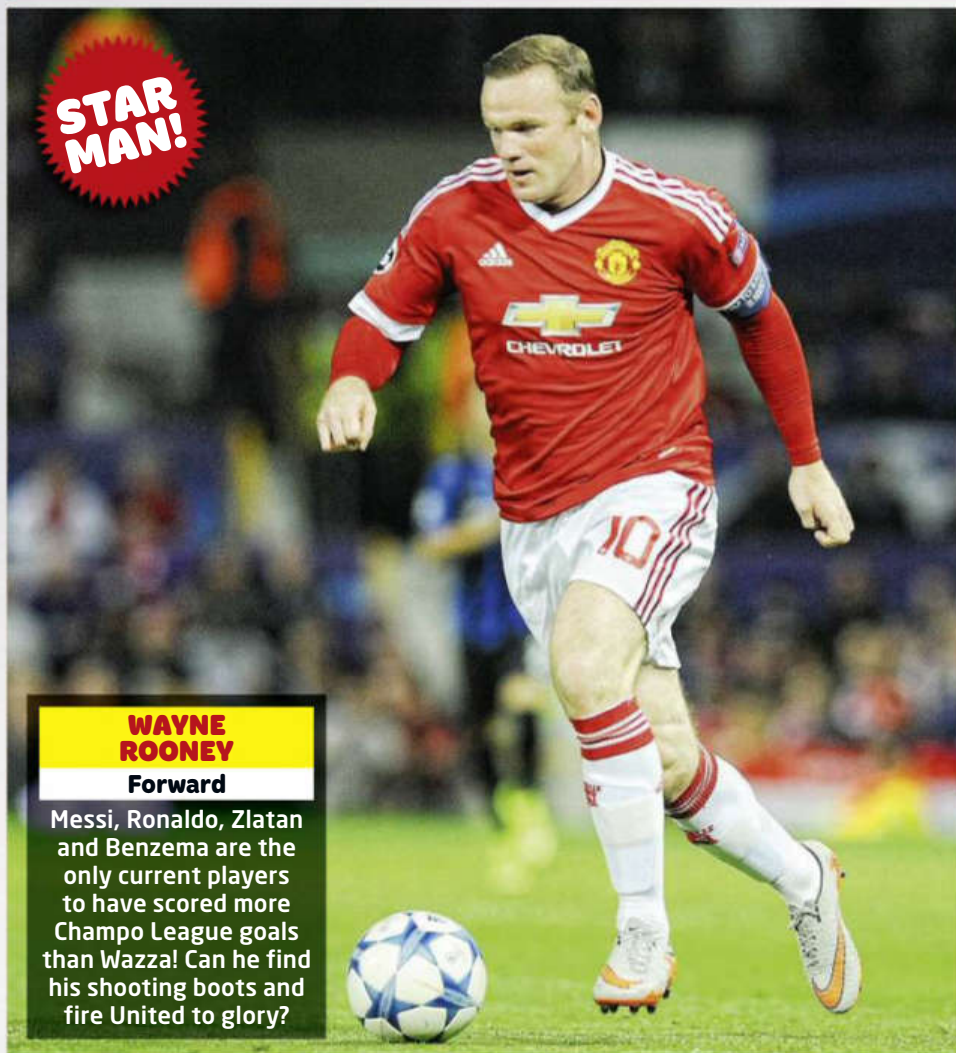
MALMO



MAN. UNITED

Country: England
Stadium: Old Trafford
Manager: Louis van Gaal
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!



WAYNE ROONEY

Forward

Messi, Ronaldo, Zlatan and Benzema are the only current players to have scored more Champo League goals than Wazza! Can he find his shooting boots and fire United to glory?

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

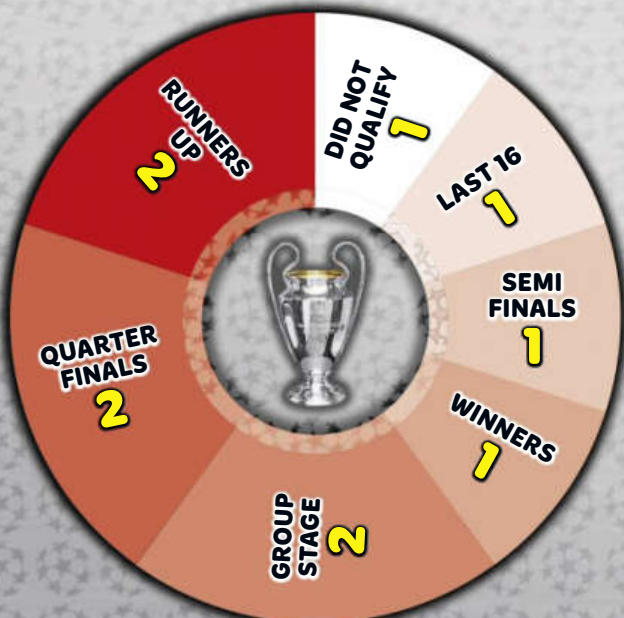


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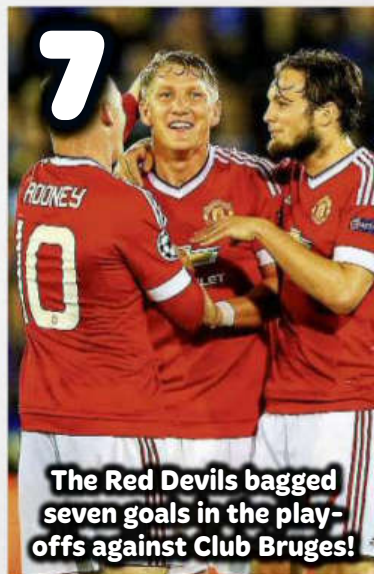
Forward

If Memphis delivers in the CL, he'll rapidly become one of footy's biggest stars! His dribbling, speed, free-kicks and lethal long shots totally rock!

LAST 10 SEASONS!



7



The Red Devils bagged seven goals in the play-offs against Club Bruges!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



KITKAT

United 'had a break' from the CL last season and play in red and white – the same colours as a KitKat!

VERDICT!

United's group is easier than the five times table, but their lack of options up front and a defence that hasn't been tested at Champions League level mean they could crash out in the last 16 for only the second time in ten seasons!



PSV

Country: Holland
Stadium: Philips Stadium

Manager: Phillip Cocu
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

LUUK DE JONG

Striker

Newcastle fans won't believe this, but loan flop De Jong is the star of PSV's team now Wijnaldum and Memphis have gone! He hit 20 Eredivisie goals last season!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

MAXIME LESTIENNE

Winger

Rapid winger Lestienne has been brought in to replace Memphis Depay - no pressure then! Look out for his clever runs and fast footwork!



VERDICT!

PSV will want to impress in their first CL campaign for over five years, but we reckon they should aim for a Europa League spot ahead of CSKA!



CSKA MOSCOW

Country: Russia
Stadium: Arena Khimki

Manager: Leonid Slutsky
Last Season in CL: Group stage

STAR MAN!

SEYDOU DOUMBIA

Striker

The Ivory Coast ace was a hero in his first spell at the club, and he'll want to show everyone he's still got it after re-joining on loan from Roma!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

AHMED MUSA

Forward

The Nigeria young gun could make a big impact off the bench for CSKA! His speed and finishing rock - he hit two goals at Brazil 2014!



VERDICT!

CSKA have only made it out of the group stage twice, and we don't think that record will change. They could run Wolfsburg close for second, though!



WOLFSBURG

Country: Germany
Stadium: Volkswagen Arena

Manager: Dieter Hecking
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

ANDRE SCHURRLE

Forward

Wolfsburg's top stars play behind the striker, and Schurrle is the main man! The ex-Chelsea hero bosses games with his mazy runs and lethal finishing!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

JULIAN DRAXLER

Winger

Draxler's speed and epic tricks make him a defender's worst nightmare! Can he fulfill his potential after his £25 million move from Schalke?



VERDICT!

The Wolves have lost Ivan Perisic and Kevin de Bruyne, but Draxler and Max Kruse aren't bad replacements! A place in the last 16 looks likely!

MATCH! PREDICTS

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MAN. UNITED

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WOLFSBURG

3

CSKA MOSCOW

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PSV



ATLETICO MADRID

Country: Spain
Stadium: Vicente Calderon
Manager: Diego Simeone
Last Season in CL: Quarter-finals

**STAR
MAN!**



ANTOINE GRIEZMANN

Forward

Griezmann is one of the top attacking talents in Spain - only Messi and Ronaldo scored more La Liga goals than him last season! He's a threat anywhere in the penalty box!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

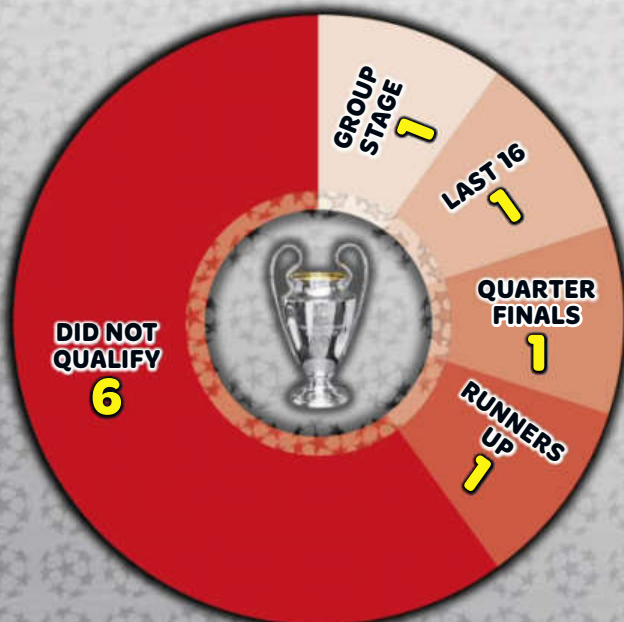


OLIVER TORRES

Midfielder

We reckon Torres could become a major star in the next few years! He played in the CL last season for Porto and has replaced Arda Turan in the Atleti team!

LAST 10 SEASONS!



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Atletico didn't concede a goal in their five home games in last season's Champions League!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



PEANUT M&M'S
 Most neutral fans love them, they've both got tons of quality in the bag and they're always a tough nut to crack!

VERDICT!

Diego Simeone has proven himself as one of Europe's top coaches and, with Jackson Martinez and Griezmann banging in the goals, they should definitely get out of the group. Once it gets to the knockout stages, Atletico can beat anybody!



BENFICA

Country: Portugal
Stadium: Estadio da Luz

Manager: Rui Vitoria
Last Season in CL: Group stage

STAR MAN!

NICOLAS GAITAN

Att. midfielder

Gaitan has been linked with a move to the Premier League, and it's easy to see why! The Argentina ace has got bags of skill and a wand of a left foot!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

ANDERSON TALISCA

Att. midfielder

Brazil U23 star Talisca scored 11 goals in his debut season for Benfica last year, including a late CL winner against Monaco!



VERDICT!

We think Benfica will be in a battle with Galatasaray for second. There's not a lot between them, so their matches against each other will be crucial!



GALATASARAY

Country: Turkey
Stadium: Turk Telekom Arena

Manager: Hamza Hamzaoglu
Last Season in CL: Group stage

STAR MAN!

WESLEY SNEIJDER

Att. midfielder

Sneijder is one of the best CAMs around and helped Inter Milan win the CL in 2010! We think he's still got the class and quality to help Galatasaray qualify from Group C!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

JOSE RODRIGUEZ

Midfielder

J-Rod came close to joining Arsenal a few years ago, but chose to stay at Real Madrid and became their youngest ever CL player!



VERDICT!

With Lukas Podolski joining Sneijder, Gala have tons of CL experience! Their home atmosphere could help them bag enough points to finish second!



ASTANA

Country: Kazakhstan
Stadium: Astana Arena

Manager: Stanimir Stoilov
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

BAURZHAN DZHOECHIYEV

Winger

The ace winger is a big reason why Astana are making their CL debut - he got two goals and two assists in the qualifiers!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

NEMANJA MAKSIMOVIC

Midfielder

Maksimovic hit the winning goal for Serbia in the U20 World Cup Final in June, and ripped net in the CL qualifiers for Astana too!



VERDICT!

None of Astana's rivals will be looking forward to travelling all the way to Kazakhstan, but we'd still be shocked if they didn't finish rock-bottom!

MATCH! PREDICTS

1

ATLETICO

2

GALATASARAY

3

BENFICA

4

ASTANA



MAN. CITY

Country: England
Stadium: Etihad Stadium
Manager: Manuel Pellegrini
Last Season in CL: Last 16

**STAR
MAN!**



SERGIO AGUERO

Striker

Aguero is one of the deadliest strikers in European football! He's scored 20 goals in just 38 Champions League games, and he'll net even more playing in front of Sterling, De Bruyne and Silva!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!



RAHEEM STERLING

Winger

Even though he's only 20, Sterling is ready for the big-time! He made his CL debut last season, but he could make an even bigger impact in 2015-16!

LAST 10 SEASONS!



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Man. City have only won two of their last ten Champions League matches. Ouch!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



FLAKE

City rock the Prem, but when they play in the CL they crumble more than the chocolate you stick in a Mr. Whippy!

VERDICT!

City have struggled to impress in all four of their CL seasons and have never gone beyond the last 16. They've been drawn in another tough group, but we think this is the season they'll go a step further and make it to at least the quarter-finals!



JUVENTUS

Country: Italy
Stadium: Juventus Stadium

Manager: Massimiliano Allegri
Last Season in CL: Runners-up

STAR MAN!

PAUL POGBA Midfielder

Since joining Juve on a free from Man. United in 2012, Pogba has turned into one of the best midfielders on the planet! He's got the power, technique and long shots to win matches all on his own!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

PAULO DYBALA Striker

Dybala was the most expensive Serie A signing of the summer. He's only 21 and has been compared to Messi and Agüero, so he must be good!



VERDICT!

Juve have had a bad start to the season and lost top players like Vidal, Tevez and Pirlo in the summer. MATCH can't see them going beyond the last 16!



SEVILLA

Country: Spain
Stadium: Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan

Manager: Unai Emery
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

EVER BANEGA Midfielder

With Krychowiak and N'Zonzi behind him, Banega can dominate games with his passing. He was Man Of The Match in last season's Europa League final!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

VEHVEN KONOPLYANKA Winger

The Ukraine winger was linked with Spurs and Liverpool, but joined Sevilla after playing against them in the Europa League final. He's well tricky!



VERDICT!

Star men Carlos Bacca and Aleix Vidal left in the summer, so Sevilla need their new signings to settle in quickly if they're to challenge City and Juve!



B. M'GLADBACH

Country: Germany
Stadium: Borussia-Park

Manager: Lucien Favre
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

GRANIT XHAKA Midfielder

Xhaka is the man who makes Gladbach tick in central midfield. The Switzerland hero packs a rocket shot, has a great passing range and can break up opposition attacks!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

THORGAN HAZARD Winger

Hazard plays like his bro Eden - he's quick and a silky dribbler! Chelsea will watch him closely - they've got a buy-back clause in his contract!



VERDICT!

Monchengladbach haven't played in Europe's top competition for nearly 40 years, but they've got a talented team and could surprise a few people!

MATCH!
PREDICTS

1

MAN. CITY

2

JUVENTUS

3

SEVILLA

4

BORUSSIA
M'GLADBACH



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AGUERO

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

GOAL M

MATCH!
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!



MULLER



RONALDO

MACHINES



BARCELONA

Country: Spain
Stadium: Nou Camp
Manager: Luis Enrique
Last Season in CL: Winners

STAR MAN!



LIONEL MESSI

Forward

Barça have megastars everywhere - and the world's greatest ever player up front! Messi has hit more Champo League hat-tricks than anyone in history!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

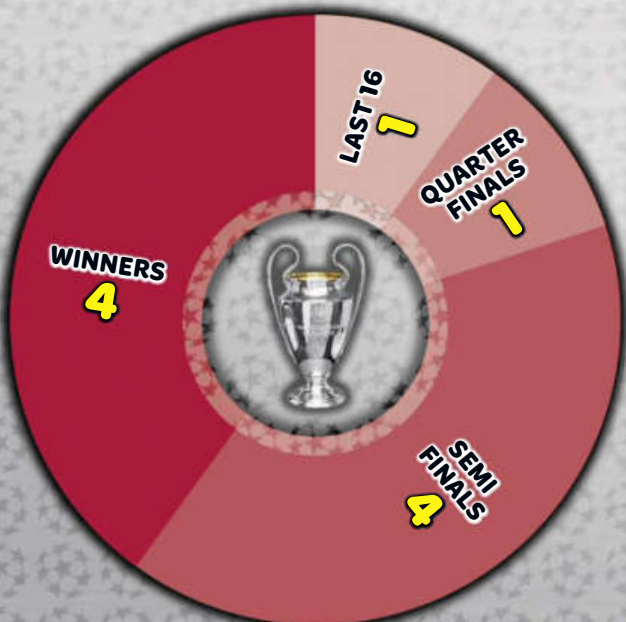


RAFINHA

Att. midfielder

This guy could make a big impact off the subs' bench for the La Liga giants this season! The young Samba star's dribbling and ball control are top class!

LAST 10 SEASONS!



84.6%



Barcelona won 11 of their 13 games on their way to winning the Champo League last season!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



GALAXY

The Spanish giants play silky smooth footy, plus their strikeforce is from another Galaxy!

VERDICT!

After storming to their fifth CL title last season, we reckon you'd be silly to look past Barça again! They've got the most lethal front three ever in Messi, Suarez and Neymar - and the rest aren't bad either! They're definitely the team to beat!



B. LEVERKUSEN

Country: Germany
Stadium: BayArena

Manager: Roger Schmidt
Last Season in CL: Last 16



STAR MAN!

HAKAN CALHANOGLU

Att. midfielder

This wonderkid is quickly becoming a megastar! Make sure you check out his deadly set-pieces and awesome long shots!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

JAVIER HERNANDEZ

Striker

You'll struggle to find a better penalty box predator than Chicharito! The ex-United ace will be desperate to show LVG he's still got it!



VERDICT!

Leverkusen's squad is solid in all areas, but we reckon they'll miss out on second spot to Roma. The Europa League is calling!



ROMA

Country: Italy
Stadium: Stadio Olimpico

Manager: Rudi Garcia
Last Season in CL: Group stage



STAR MAN!

MIRALEM PJANIC

Att. midfielder

No player got more assists in Serie A than Pjanic last season! He loves to play killer passes, his free-kicks are awesome and wicked long shots are his speciality!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

WOJCIECH SZCZESNY

Goalkeeper

Everybody knows the Poland keeper from the Prem, but Arsenal fans will be glued to their TV screens to see how he performs!



VERDICT!

The Italian giants look much better than last season after some top signings this summer! We reckon they'll beat Leverkusen to second!



BATE

Country: Belarus
Stadium: Borisov Arena

Manager: Aleksandr Ermakovich
Last Season in CL: Group stage



STAR MAN!

VITALI RODIONOV

Striker

This is BATE's go-to guy! He has a history of scoring important goals in the Champions League for them - he bagged in the famous 3-1 win over Bayern Munich in 2012!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

ALEKSANDR HLEB

Att. midfielder

The ex-Arsenal and Barça dribbling king came through the BATE youth system, and now he's returned for a third spell at the club!



VERDICT!

The Belarusian champs have done well to get through the qualifiers, but we can't see them finishing above Barcelona, Roma or Leverkusen!

MATCH!
PREDICTS

1

BARCELONA

2

ROMA

3

BAYER LEVERKUSEN

4

BATE



BAYERN MUNICH

Country: Germany
Stadium: Allianz Arena
Manager: Pep Guardiola
Last Season in CL: Semi-finals

STAR MAN!



ARJEN ROBBEN

Winger

Rapid Robben bagged 17 Bundesliga goals in 2014-15 - the most he's hit in a single season in his career! If he keeps up that red-hot form, Bayern could go a long way in the competition!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!



DOUGLAS COSTA

Winger

Costa's incredible crossing, slick skills and pacy runs will make him a real fans' fave! He's a top buy at £21.3 million, and could keep Franck Ribery out of the team!

LAST 10 SEASONS!



7
 Bayern have seven World Cup winners in their squad for the Champions League group stage!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



BOUNTY

Nobody wanted to get Bayern in their CL group - just like nobody likes getting a Bounty in their Celebrations tin!

VERDICT!

Bayern have reached at least the Champo League semi-finals in each of the last four years, and Pep Guardiola's team have the class to do well again! Their megastars and tactics can help them win Group F and go on to make the semis!



ARSENAL

Country: England
Stadium: Emirates Stadium

Manager: Arsene Wenger
Last Season in CL: Last 16

STAR MAN!

ALEXIS SANCHEZ

Forward

The Chile ace played a massive part in The Gunners' Champions League campaign in 2014-15 - he bagged three goals and one assist! Can he fire them to European glory?



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

HECTOR BELLERIN

Right-back

Bellerin was one of the Prem's breakout stars last season! We love his ace attacking runs and rapid pace, plus at 20 years old, he'll only get better!



VERDICT!

Arsenal will get out of the group like always, but finishing second to Bayern will come at a cost. A tough last 16 fixture will see them crash out again!



OLYMPIAKOS

Country: Greece
Stadium: Karaiskakis Stadium

Manager: Marco Silva
Last Season in CL: Group stage

STAR MAN!

ESTEBAN CAMBIASSO

Midfielder

The pass master showed he's still got it after an awesome season with Leicester in 2014-15! He'll be the heartbeat of the Olympiakos midfield!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

ROBERTO JIMENEZ

Goalkeeper

Footy gossips say Arsenal tried to sign Roberto this summer, but the Greek giants rejected their bid! His penalty-saving skills are top class!



VERDICT!

Olympiakos beat Atletico Madrid and Juventus last season, so Bayern and Arsenal need to take them seriously! We still think they'll finish third!



D. ZAGREB

Country: Croatia
Stadium: Maksimir Stadium

Manager: Zoran Mamic
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

EL ARBI HILLEL SOUDANI

Forward

The Algeria hero has a perfect mix of pace and power, plus he knows where the net is! He scored in both legs of Zagreb's play-off win against Skenderbeu Korce!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

MARKO PJACA

Forward

Watch out for Croatia hero Pjaca cutting in off the wing, because he's mega creative! He got three goals and two assists in the CL qualifiers!



VERDICT!

This group is defo one of the hardest this season, and Zagreb know it! They should aim to beat Olympiakos if they don't want to finish bottom of the pile!

MATCH! PREDICTS

1

BAYERN MUNICH

2

ARSENAL

3

OLYMPIAKOS

4

DINAMO ZAGREB



CHELSEA

Country: England
Stadium: Stamford Bridge
Manager: Jose Mourinho
Last Season in CL: Last 16

STAR MAN!



EDEN HAZARD

Winger

The Belgian wizard was incredible for The Blues last season, and now he's ready to carry that form into 2015-16! His tricky dribbling, ace finishing and world-class footwork give defenders nightmares!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



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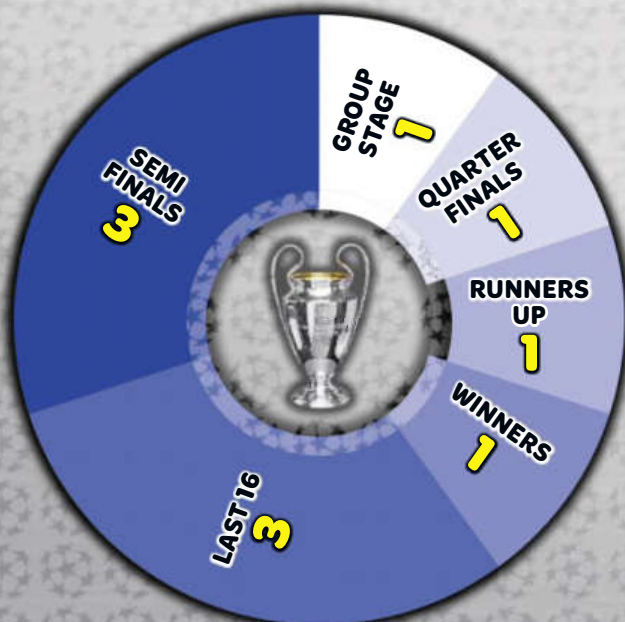


PEDRO

Forward

Pedro's already made a big impact at Stamford Bridge after his move from Barcelona last month! The Spain star's a top-quality dribbler and finisher!

LAST 10 SEASONS!



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In 2011-12, Chelsea finished 6th in the Prem and would have missed out on the Champions League if they hadn't won it that season!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



TERRY'S CHOCOLATE ORANGE

They're covered in dark blue and Terry's the leader of both packs!

VERDICT!

Chelsea couldn't have wished for an easier group - once they're out of it, they shouldn't have much trouble reaching the quarters! After that though, their ageing defence could struggle on the counter-attack against younger, quicker teams!



PORTO

Country: Portugal
Stadium: Estadio do Dragao

Manager: Julen Lopetegui
Last Season in CL: Quarter-finals

STAR MAN!

YACINE BRAHIMI

Att. midfielder

Brahimi's a technically gifted, direct dribbler who's so unpredictable! Last season he netted a free-kick against Lille, a treble versus BATE and the strike to send Porto through to the knockouts!



STRONGEST LINE-UP

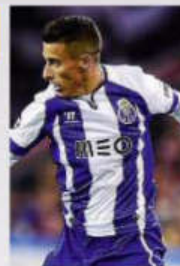


ONE TO WATCH!

CRISTIAN TELLO

Forward

Tello's electric pace and mazy runs make him a full-back's worst nightmare! His rocket shots mean keepers aren't keen on him either!



VERDICT!

Porto should qualify, even after losing star man Jackson Martinez! They'd face a group winner in the last 16 though, so that's where their journey will end!



DYNAMO KIEV

Country: Ukraine
Stadium: Olympic Stadium

Manager: Serhiy Rebrov
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

ANDRIY YARMOLENKO

Winger

Prem clubs were on transfer alert after Yarmolenko netted a wondergoal against Everton in the Europa League last season! He's got the tricks to rock on the big stage!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

ALEKSANDAR DRAGOVIC

Centre-back

The giant Austria defender has been linked with Arsenal and Man. United in the past! His power, tackling and heading rock!



VERDICT!

It's hard to predict Kiev getting out of this group, but they should grab a Europa League place as they have more quality than Maccabi Tel-Aviv!



MACCABI

Country: Israel
Stadium: Bloomfield Stadium

Manager: Slavisa Jokanovic
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

ERAN ZAHAVI

Att. midfielder

Goals, goals and more goals - that's what this guy brings! With seven strikes in five games, plus two assists, the Israel hero was the top scorer in the Champions League qualifying rounds!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

PREDRAG RAJKOVIC

Goalkeeper

Rajkovic is battling it out to be Tel-Aviv's No.1 this season! The shot-stopper captained Serbia to the U20 World Cup in the summer!



VERDICT!

Gaffer Slavisa Jokanovic got Watford into the Prem last season, but we reckon Maccabi will find it hard to avoid finishing bottom of the group!

MATCH! PREDICTS

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CHELSEA

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PORTO

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DYNAMO KIEV

4

MACCABI TEL-AVIV



VALENCIA

Country: Spain
Stadium: Mestalla Stadium
Manager: Nuno Espirito Santo
Last Season in CL: n/a

**STAR
MAN!**



DANI PAREJO

Midfielder

The classy playmaker is Valencia's captain, set-piece specialist and engine in midfield! He knows where the net is, too - Parejo was the Spanish giants' top scorer in La Liga last season with 12 goals!

STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!



ALVARO NEGREDO

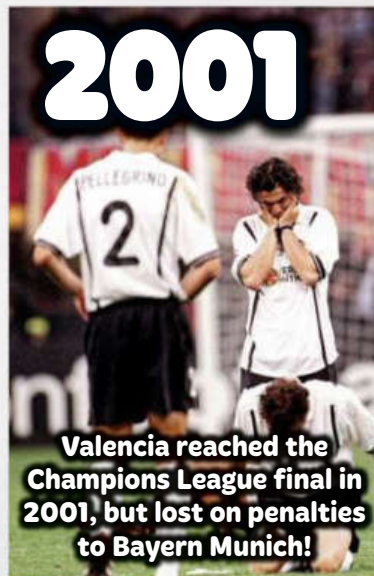
Striker

The ex-Man. City star has slowly re-built his reputation in La Liga since leaving the Prem. His finishing is lethal and not many defenders out-muscle him!

LAST 10 SEASONS!



2001



Valencia reached the Champions League final in 2001, but lost on penalties to Bayern Munich!

IF THEY WERE CHOCOLATE...



REVELS

Like a Revels pack, you don't know what you're going to get from Valencia - they could be good or bad!

VERDICT!

Not being in the competition last season means Valencia are a tricky team to predict, but we think they could win the group if their away form is good enough and they play like they have been doing in La Liga. That'll be as far as they go, though!



ZENIT

Country: Russia
Stadium: Petrovsky Stadium

Manager: Andre Villas-Boas
Last Season in CL: Group stage

STAR MAN!

HULK

Forward

The Brazil beast is banging in the goals in Russia! His power and rocket long shots will be too much for defences to handle as Zenit march towards the knockout stages!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

EZEQUIEL GARAY

Centre-back

The Argentina ace is a rock-solid defender who loves to pass out from the back! He'll have to be at the top of his game for Zenit to qualify!



VERDICT!

Zenit have bags of talent, but aren't very consistent! They finished third in a similar group last year, but we think they'll reach the knockouts this time!



LYON

Country: France
Stadium: Stade de Gerland

Manager: Hubert Fournier
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

ALEXANDRE LACAZETTE

Striker

Lacazette topped the Ligue 1 scoring charts last season - he hit 27 goals in total! He'll have to be at his lethal best if Lyon are to get out of the group!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

MATHIEU VALBUENA

Att. midfielder

The mini magician is back in France after a spell in Russia. He has a big impact on games with his top footy brain and wand of a right foot!



VERDICT!

Lyon are a well-balanced side who might be this group's dark horses! We think Zenit will probably pip them to second spot, but not without a fight!



GENT

Country: Belgium
Stadium: Ghelamco Arena

Manager: Hein Vanhaezebrouck
Last Season in CL: n/a

STAR MAN!

LAURENT DEPOITRE

Striker

Depoitre hit 13 goals last season to fire Gent to their first-ever Belgian league title! His monster strength and finishing are show-stopping!



STRONGEST LINE-UP



ONE TO WATCH!

MOSES SIMON

Forward

Simon is super skilful, fast, great with both feet and knows how to rip net! No wonder Liverpool and Tottenham have been sniffing around!



VERDICT!

This is Gent's first time in the Champo League groups. Their front two are decent, but they lack quality elsewhere on the pitch. They'll go out early!

MATCH! PREDICTS

1

VALENCIA

2

ZENIT

3

LYON

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GENT

MATCH!
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!

Club: West Ham

Country: Argentina

Age: 22

Position: Att. midfielder

Boots: Nike Mercurial

Value: £7 million

Did You Know? West Ham gaffer Slaven Bilic says he plays like David Silva!

FACTPACK!

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MATCH!
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!



MAHREZ

FACTPACK!

Club: Leicester

Country: Algeria

Age: 24

Position: Winger

Boots: Nike Hypervenom

Value: £12 million

Did You Know? He's scored as many Prem goals this season as he did in the whole of 2014-15!

MATCH!
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!

BRING ON THE NEW



Club: Aston Villa

Country: England

Age: 26

Position: Forward

Boots: Nike Mercurial

Value: £6 million

Did You Know? He played for England at U17 level all the way through to U21!

FACTPACK!

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MATCH!
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!



MILLNER

FACTPACK!

Club: Liverpool

Country: England

Age: 29

Position: Midfielder

Boots: Nike Magista

Value: £14 million

Did You Know? He's played for Leeds, Newcastle, Villa & Man. City in the Prem too!

PELLE



FACTPACK!

Club: Southampton

Country: Italy

Age: 30

Position: Striker

Boots: Nike Mercurial

Value: £10 million

Did You Know? Pelle only made his Italy debut last year at the age of 29!

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MATCH SKILLS!

Sharpen up your game with **MATCH!**

MATCH has teamed up with ace footy coach Colin Reid - who's worked for West Ham's academy and developed top Prem stars like **Joe Gomez**, **Jermain Defoe** and **Jonjo Shelvey** - to bring you a series of footy skills and challenges to improve your game! Each week, we'll show you **how to do a top skill** in the magazine before an epic video gives you **a tough challenge to complete**. Reckon you're up to it? Have a go!



THIS WEEK...

THE VOLLEY!



FACTPACK!

Name: Alfie Edwards

Position: Left-back

Club: Charlton U21

TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Go to www.facebook.com/matchmagazine watch the video, take the challenge and see how you get on!

TRAINING DRILL!



STEP 1

Watch the ball closely and get yourself square to the ball and at 90 degrees to the goal. Have a quick look to see where the goalkeeper is and where you are in relation to the goal.



STEP 2

Move into the line of the ball and watch the ball carefully. Take your leg back early and try to take it at the highest point you can. You will have to adjust your body to get into the ideal position.



STEP 3

Extend your arms to help with your balance and to help your body swivel around a full 180 degrees. Watch the ball on to your foot and make sure your foot is slightly above the ball.



STEP 4

As you pivot, try to connect with the middle to top part of the ball with your laces while swivelling - this should help keep the ball down. Then be ready for any rebounds or to see it flying into the net!

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THINGS TO FOR THIS

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DERBY DAY!

**Aston Villa
v West Brom**

Saturday, 3pm

When these two mega rivals met at Villa Park in the FA Cup last season, there were two red cards and a pitch invasion, so this could be another fiery clash! In-form Scott Sinclair will hope to bag against his old club, too!



2



BLACK CATS UNBEATEN!

**Bournemouth
v Sunderland**

Saturday, 3pm

These two have only played six competitive games before, and Bournemouth haven't won any of them! We reckon they're defo faves for this one, though - they've started the season well and Sunderland have been pants! Can The Cherries break the hoodoo?



LOOK OUT WEEKEND!

WEEKEND PREVIEW!



MATCH checks out the big talking points ahead of this weekend's massive Premier League action!



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HAMMERS' AWAY DAY HEROES!

Man. City v West Ham

Saturday, 5.30pm

West Ham have been epic away from home this season - they beat Arsenal at The Emirates and then Liverpool at Anfield! This match will be their toughest fixture so far - can they cause another big shock, or will City win their tenth home league game in a row?



PALACE WIN AGAIN?

Tottenham v Crystal Palace

Sunday, 1.30pm

Palace are another team that have rocked away from home recently - they've won eight out of their last ten league games on the road! Spurs are still looking for their first home win of the season, and they might struggle to get it this weekend too!

4



MORGAN'S ST. MARY'S RETURN!

Southampton v Man. United

Sunday, 4pm

Morgan Schneiderlin faces his old club for the first time since joining United from Southampton this summer! The France hero will be desperate to put in a top-quality display and leave St. Mary's with three points!

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TURN OVER FOR BIG-GAME PREVIEW...

THIS WEEK'S BIG MATCH

CHELSEA v ARSENAL



MASSIVE CLASH!

This fixture is always one of the biggest in the Premier League, but this season **it's more important than ever** - both clubs have started slowly and are already behind leaders Man. City! Defeat would dent both teams' title chances, but victory could spark their season into life!



HEAD-TO-HEAD	
Chelsea	59
Draws	54
Arsenal	72

WENGER v MOURINHO!

There aren't many managers with a rivalry as big as these two - **they really don't like each other!** Wenger defeated Mourinho for the first time in August's Community Shield, but he's never beaten him in the league! Can he finally end that run at Stamford Bridge this weekend?

CECH BACK AT THE BRIDGE!

The home fans should give Arsenal's keeper a warm welcome at Stamford Bridge on Saturday - **Cech is a Chelsea legend!** Frank Lampard scored against The Blues for Man. City last season - could Petr come back to haunt them, too?



ARSENAL

WEEKEND PREVIEW!



Check out all the key info ahead of Saturday's huge clash at Stamford Bridge!



DODGY DEFENCE...

Mourinho's teams are normally rock-solid at the back, but this season **they've been all over the place!** Terry, Ivanovic and Cahill have been poor, plus Rahman and Djilobodji are new to the Prem! They'll want to keep a clean sheet and get their season back on track!



...AGAINST AVERAGE ATTACK!

Luckily for Chelsea, Arsenal's attack hasn't started firing yet - **two of their first three goals this season were own goals!** Wenger didn't sign a striker in the summer so if Walcott and Giroud don't start scoring soon, Gunners fans won't be happy!

LIKELY LINE-UPS!



STEVE SAYS...

Chelsea 1-1 Arsenal

"I'd love for Wenger to finally beat Mourinho in the Prem, but I can't see it happening this weekend! It'll be a tight game, with Sanchez netting for the mighty Gunners!"

YOU SAY



TURN OVER FOR PREDICT THE RESULT...

PREDICT THE...

RESULT!

WEEKEND PREVIEW!



Can you guess more correct Prem scores than MATCH?



ASTON VILLA

WEST BROM

"This Midlands derby will be packed with goals and drama - I just can't pick a winner!"

STEVE SAYS 2-2

YOU SAY

BOURNEMOUTH

SUNDERLAND

"I'm hoping to see more quality goals from striker Callum Wilson - and I reckon I will! Home win."

STEVE SAYS 2-0

YOU SAY

NEWCASTLE

WATFORD

"Here's my first shock result! The Hornets will bag their first Prem away win of 2015-16!"

STEVE SAYS 1-2

YOU SAY

STOKE

LEICESTER

"The Foxes won 1-0 here last season, and I think they'll do it again! Vardy to hit the winner!"

STEVE SAYS 0-1

YOU SAY

SWANSEA

EVERTON

"The Swans are one of my fave teams to watch! I can't wait to see Gomis' celebration again!"

STEVE SAYS 2-1

YOU SAY



MAN. CITY

WEST HAM

"West Ham won't be able to repeat their shock wins over Arsenal and Liverpool here!"

STEVE SAYS 3-1

YOU SAY

TOTTENHAM

CRYSTAL PALACE

"This is going to be a thriller! Dele Alli to bag a late equaliser for Spurs at White Hart Lane!"

STEVE SAYS 3-3

YOU SAY

LIVERPOOL

NORWICH

"I've not been impressed by The Reds, so I'm going for The Canaries to snatch a point!"

STEVE SAYS 0-0

YOU SAY

SOUTHAMPTON

MAN. UNITED

"Pelle and Mane will send The Red Devils home crying with an easy win at St. Mary's!"

STEVE SAYS 2-0

YOU SAY



MATCH! LEADERBOARD

1	JAMES	6 PTS
2	STEVE	4 PTS
3	BEN	3 PTS
4	JAMIE	3 PTS

FINAL SCORE!

Give yourself three points for a correct scoreline and one for the right result!

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SCORE**

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BIG MATCH! QUIZ

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SPECIAL

FLASHBACK!



Can you name the Prem boss in this pic when he played for CL giants Barça?



FIFA 15 CHALLENGE!

Name the Champions League winners on these two FUT cards!



Radamel Falcao

James Rodriguez

Joao Moutinho

Nicolas Otamendi



Which Champions League club have these stars all played for?

Jackson Martinez

Eliaquim Mangala

TRANSFER TRACKER!

Can you fill in the gaps in Champions League star Javier Mascherano's career?

2005-06

Corinthians

2006-07

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2007-10

?

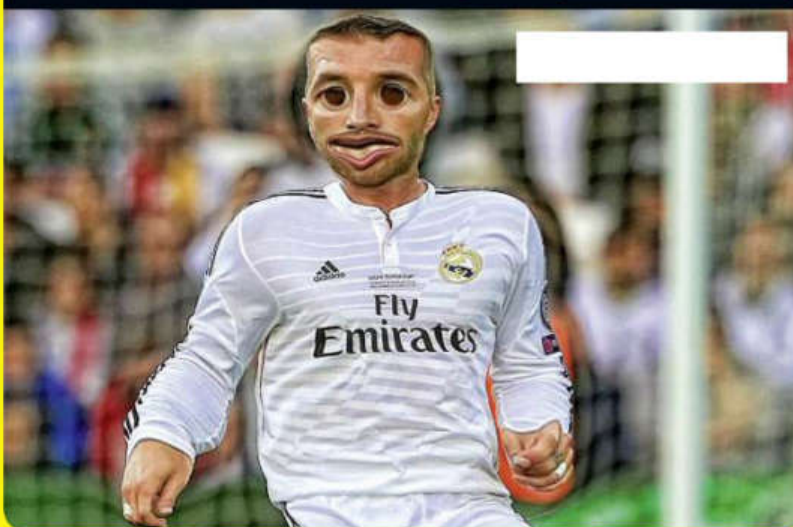
2010-

Barcelona



MEGA MASH-UP!

Name the Champo League hero in this weird pic!



Champions League BRAIN-BUSTER!



How much do you
know about the
Champions League?



1. Which team did Juventus beat
in last season's semi-final?



2. Name the last English team
to win the tournament!



3. Jose Mourinho won the trophy
with which club in 2004?



4. Which Brazilian striker scored
five goals in one game for Shakhtar
in last season's group stage?



5. Arsenal lost in the 2014-15
last 16 to which French club?



6. Which country has produced
more Champions League winning
teams than any other?



7. True or False? Louis van Gaal
has never won the Champions
League as a manager!



8. Neymar was the second most-fouled
player in last year's Champions League
- which Prem star topped the chart?



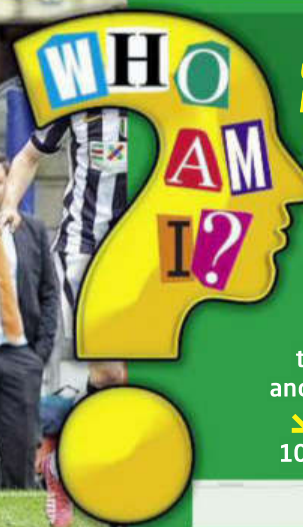
9. Bayer Leverkusen beat which Italian
club in this season's CL play-offs?



10. Which awesome striker has
scored for six different teams
in the Champions League?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

BIG MATCH! QUIZ



Work out the Champo League legend from the clues below!

- ▶ I played in last season's CL final for Juventus!
- ▶ I've won the tournament twice before with another Italian club!
- ▶ I've played over 100 times for Italy!

5 QUESTIONS ON...

BARCELONA



1 How many times have Barça won the Champions League in their history?

2 Who's the La Liga giants' all-time top goalscorer in the Champions League?

3 Which massive English club did they beat in the 2009 and 2011 finals?

4 Who scored their opening goal in last season's final after just four minutes?

5 Which club legend has made the most Champo League appearances for them?



1.



2.

CL^{SE}-UP!

Which lethal net-busters have we zoomed in on?



3.



4.

SOCCER SCRABBLE

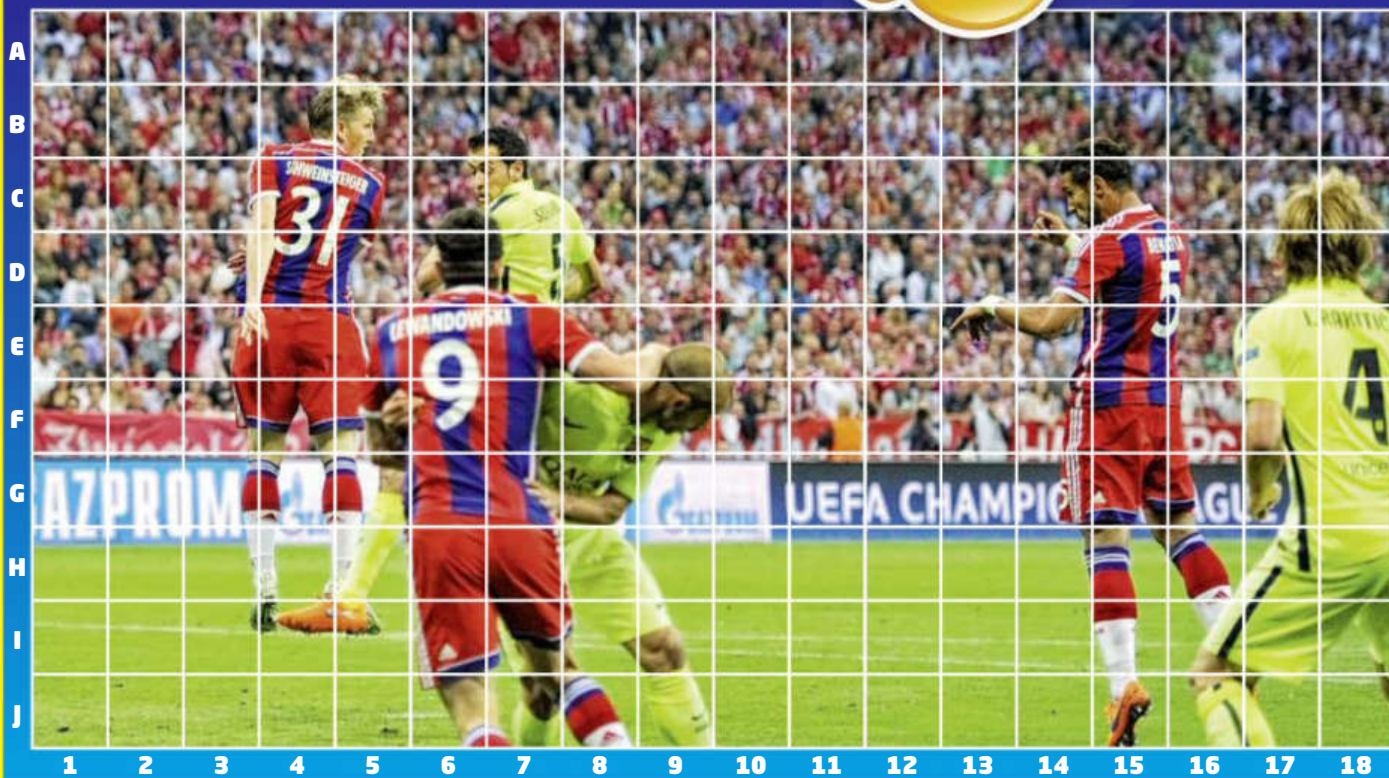
Which Champions League club's name has been all jumbled up?



SPOT THE BALL!



Mark where you think the ball should be in this action pic!



Dinamo Zagreb



Maccabi Tel-Aviv

NAME THE COUNTRY!



Which country are these Champions League clubs from?



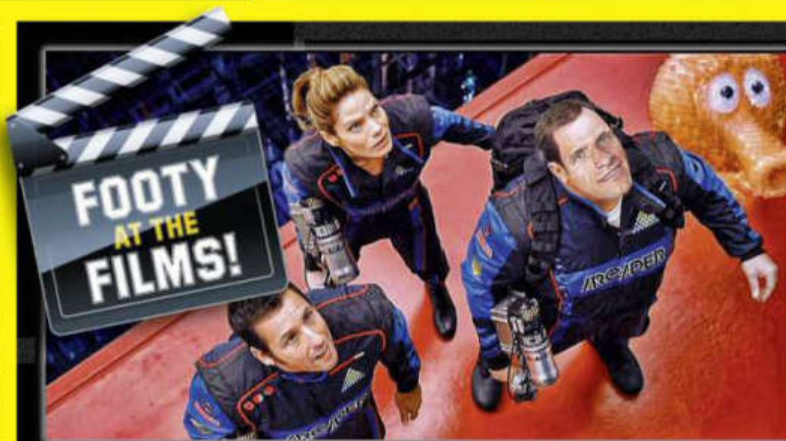
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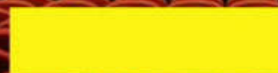
Astana

MATCH! WINNER!

Which ex-Chelsea player scored against The Blues in the 2014-15 last 16?



Which awesome forward has bagged a role in ace movie Pixels?



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WORDFIT

Fit 30 Champions League winners into this grid!

Alonso

Alves

Bale

Beckham

Cambiasso

Carragher

Casillas

Cesar

Cole

Drogba

Eto'o

Gerrard

Henry

Iniesta

Keane

Kroos

Lampard

Maldini

Milito

Pique

Ramos

Robben

Ronaldo

Scholes

Schweinsteiger

Sneijder

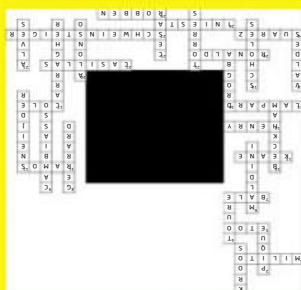
Suarez

Torres

Toure

Valdes

ANSWERS!



Wordfit: See right.

Thomas Muller.

Foody At The Films:

Match Winner: David Luiz.

Astana - Kazakhstan.

Malmö - Sweden.

Dinamo Zagreb - Croatia;

Maccabi Tel-Aviv - Israel;

Name The Country:

Spot The Ball: A11.

Soccer Scrabble:

Bayer Leverkusen.

Champions League Brain-Buster:

1. Real Madrid; 2. Chelsea; 3. Porto;

4. Luis Adriano; 5. Monaco; 6. Spain;

7. False; 8. Eden Hazard; 9. Lazio;

10. Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Who Am I?: Andrea Pirlo.

Barcelona Quiz:

1. Five; 2. Leo Messi; 3. Man. United;

4. Ivan Rakitic; 5. Xavi.

Close-Up:

Cavan; 3. Robert Lewandowski;

4. Sergio Aguero.

Mega Mash-Up: Sergio Ramos.

2007-10 - Liverpool.

Transfer Tracker:

2006-07 - West Ham;

Club Shareholders: Porto.

Karim Benzema & Pedro.

FIFA 15 Challenge:

Flashback: Ronald Koeman.

One point per correct answer!

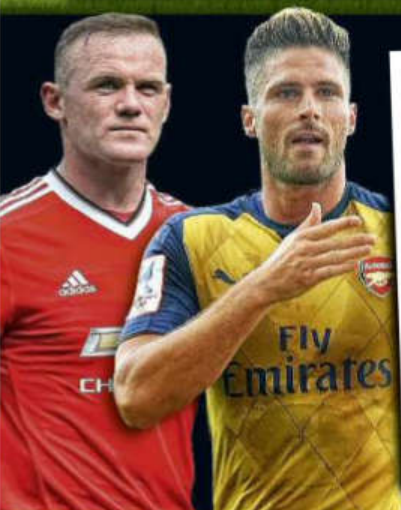
MY SCORE **164**

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5

Leicester have gone five Prem away games unbeaten for the first time in their history!



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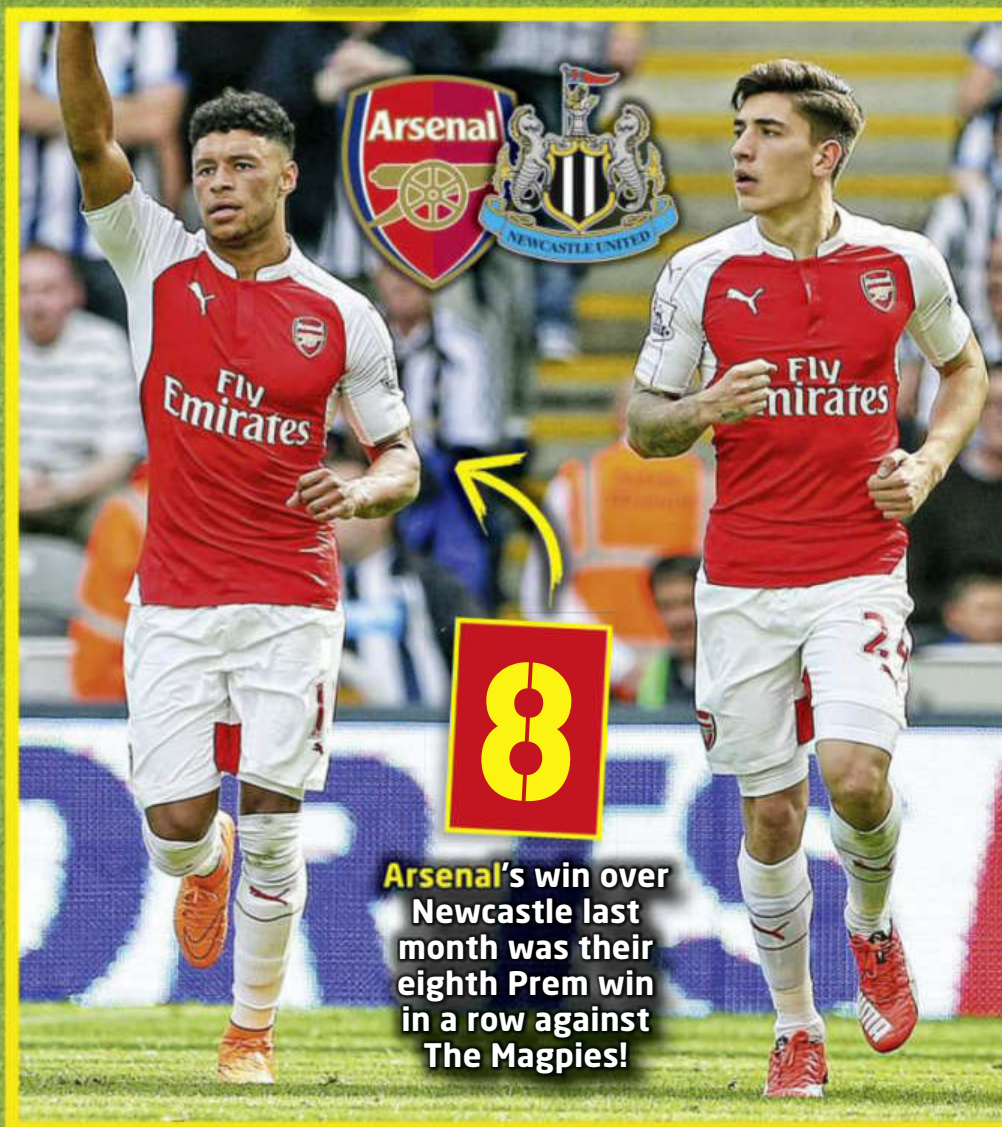


Watford didn't have a shot on target against Man. City or Southampton last month!

1



Man. United new boy **Anthony Martial** only played one full 90-minute game in Ligue 1 last season!



8

Arsenal's win over Newcastle last month was their eighth Prem win in a row against The Magpies!

4

Bafetimbi Gomis bagged four goals in his first four Prem games this season!

5

Thomas Muller was the first player to hit five goals in Europe's top five leagues in 2015-16!



2.28

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